

June 5, 2008

To: Special Education Directors and Authorized Representatives  
From: Dick Trerise, Division of Special Education  
Subject: Post-School Outcome Survey

Greetings! I know that you are all in the process of finishing the school year and all the accompanying work and activities that go with that. This is another reminder for those schools who have not yet finished submitting all the survey information for the post-school data collection and reporting (see below). Many districts have completed this requirement and many others are well along in the process. This notice is a friendly reminder of this requirement and an encouragement to complete the survey submission as soon as you are able.

The High Schools that still have un-submitted data are:

Beaverhead Co High School - 1 Not Submitted  
Big Sky High School - 1 Not Submitted  
Billings Senior High School - 63 Not Submitted  
Billings West High School - 26 Not Submitted  
Box Elder High School - 2 Not Submitted  
Bozeman High School - 27 Not Submitted  
Butte High School - 44 Not Submitted  
Capital High School - 26 Not Submitted  
Charlo High School - 5 Not Submitted  
Colstrip High School - 5 Not Submitted  
Columbia Falls High School - 12 Not Submitted  
Corvallis High School - 13 Not Submitted  
Culbertson High School - 4 Not Submitted  
Custer Co District High - 13 Not Submitted  
Custer High School - 1 Not Submitted  
Cut Bank High School - 6 Not Submitted  
Dodson High School - 1 Not Submitted  
Fairview High School - 5 Not Submitted  
Fergus High School - 18 Not Submitted  
Forsyth High School - 2 Not Submitted  
Fort Benton High School - 2 Not Submitted  
Gardiner High School - 1 Not Submitted  
Geraldine High School - 1 Not Submitted  
Granite High School - 2 Not Submitted  
Grass Range High School - 2 Not Submitted  
Hardin High School - 6 Not Submitted  
Harlem High School - 7 Not Submitted  
Harlowton High School - 6 Not Submitted  
Havre High School - 20 Not Submitted  
Hays-Lodge Pole High School - 4 Not Submitted  
Helena High School - 24 Not Submitted  
Hellgate High School - 19 Not Submitted  
Hinsdale High School - 3 Not Submitted  
Huntley Project High School - 4 Not Submitted  
Manhattan High School - 3 Not Submitted  
Medicine Lake High School - 1 Not Submitted  
MT School For Deaf & Blind HS - 15 Not Submitted  
Nashua High School - 1 Not Submitted  
Park City High School - 2 Not Submitted  
Park High School - 14 Not Submitted  
Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility HS - 8 Not Submitted

Plenty Coups High School - 2 Not Submitted  
Polson High School - 1 Not Submitted  
Powder River Co Dist High - 4 Not Submitted  
Powell County High School - 3 Not Submitted  
Rocky Boy High School - 7 Not Submitted  
Ronan High School - 5 Not Submitted  
Roy High School - 1 Not Submitted  
Sentinel High School - 43 Not Submitted  
Shepherd High School - 3 Not Submitted  
Shields Valley High School - 1 Not Submitted  
Skyview High School - 49 Not Submitted  
St Ignatius High School - 6 Not Submitted  
Stanford High School - 2 Not Submitted  
Stevensville High School - 2 Not Submitted  
Superior High School - 2 Not Submitted  
Troy High School - 5 Not Submitted  
Turner High School - 2 Not Submitted  
Twin Bridges High School - 1 Not Submitted  
Valier High School - 1 Not Submitted  
West Yellowstone High School - 2 Not Submitted  
Winifred High School - 3 Not Submitted  
Winnett High School - 1 Not Submitted

Thank you all for your hard work with this data submission. Please contact me for assistance.

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April 9, 2008

To: Directors

From: Dick Trerise, Division of Special Education

Re: Required post-school outcome data collection and reporting

In February 2009, the OPI will again be required to provide valid and reliable post-school outcome data on youth who had IEPs, are no longer in secondary school and who have been competitively employed, enrolled in some type of post-secondary school, or both, within one year of leaving high school. Post-school outcome data needs to be collected between now and the end of September for students with disabilities who left school during the 2006-2007 school year. School leavers are students who exited by graduating with a diploma, reached maximum age, received a certificate of completion, or dropped out.

An electronic application has been developed for you to enter your district's survey information into. The address to access the program is:

<http://data.opi.mt.gov/PostSchoolSurvey/>

Log in using the high school district or school user name and password mailed by the OPI to district authorized representatives. Passwords are changed periodically, so if you encounter

problems logging in, check with your superintendent to be sure the most current password is being used. If you still have problems, call the OPI Help Desk at 406-444-3448.

If Special Education Cooperative personnel are completing surveys for multiple high schools, they will need to obtain each separate high schools username and password.

Once you obtain access to the application, you will find it pre-populated with the student exiting information that you submitted last June. A survey for each student listed must be submitted. Options are included under "Contact Results" for students that you are unable to reach.

The application is quite self explanatory. As you progress through the survey, your responses trigger which of the following questions are activated. When the survey is complete, click submit.

It may take repeated attempts to contact a former student or person who can provide information to complete the survey. Please make your best effort to contact as many listed students as possible. Districts have found that phone contacts to the student and or parent provided the best results. You may choose, however, to mail surveys or use other survey collection methods.

Completion of this survey data directly impacts the level of determination designation for the district as based on providing timely and accurate data.

The specific requirement from the State Performance Plan, Indicator #14, states:

Indicator 14. Percent of youth who had IEPs, are no longer in secondary school and who have been competitively employed, enrolled in some type of postsecondary school, or both, within one year of leaving high school. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B))

In addition to the federal reporting requirement, this data information will be analyzed by the state and used for planning purposes. It will also be provided to individual schools for the same purpose.

Part B funds may be used for this activity.

The OPI is committed to limiting the scope of the survey to the minimum required to meet the federal reporting requirements.

For additional information or questions, please contact:

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